



THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

BIA BOSS CONFIDENT DESPITE HURDLES

By BECKY SHAY, Of The Gazette Staff

The national director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs knows his agency is facing challenges, especially in its justice divisions, but he said he's confident that front-line staffers are doing their best to keep order in Indian Country.

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RESERVATION LIFE MAKES METH A TOUGH CUSTOMER

By BECKY SHAY, Of The Gazette Staff

Moonshine and meth have something in common, according to Bureau of Indian Affairs Director W. Patrick Ragsdale.

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SALISH-KOOTENAI COLLEGE WILL OFFER DEGREE IN EDUCATION

By KRISTEN CATES, Tribune Staff Writer

Salish Kootenai College will be the first tribal college in Montana to offer a bachelor's degree in elementary education, according to the Montana Board of Public Education.

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BROWNING MAN DIES FIVE DAYS AFTER BRUTAL BEATING

By RICHARD PETERSON, Tribune Staff Writer

Authorities are investigating the suspicious death of a Browning man who died Tuesday in Kalispell from injuries sustained during an alleged beating by two men, one of them wielding a baseball bat, family members of the victim said Wednesday.

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HEALING PLAN DESTINED FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Montana's Sacred Hoop Journey Begins At The Capitol In Helena On Aug. 20

By JODI RAVE, Lee Enterprises

MISSOULA — Don Coyhis can feel the electricity building, growing daily with a healing energy that will one day burst upon Indian communities.

For the last 19 years, Coyhis has been traveling to tribal communities and sharing a message of healing and well-being. His plan is to enlist 100 Indian communities into the "Wellbriety Movement" by 2010.

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FIRE THREATENING SOME HOMES SOUTHWEST OF POLSON

By SARAH COOKE

HELENA, Mont. - Fire crews in northwest Montana worked to keep a fast-moving wildfire from destroying homes Wednesday, as officials near here asked residents near the Meriwether fire to leave their seasonal homes.

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DIRT WORK ON BROWNING'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL NEARLY COMPLETED

By John McGill

Drivers through Browning have more than likely noticed an enormous hole being dug on the corner near the Junction Drive-Inn and wondered what's going on. Another smaller site sits on the opposite corner, across U.S. Highway 2, while a stream of rarely seen water runs from the excavation site.

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HEAVY RAIN AND BIG HAIL HITS SWEETPINE IN BLACKFEET COUNTRY

"I've been praying for rain, but lately I've said I'd take snow so maybe that's what happened," said Nita Matt Thursday, July 19, from her home at Sweetpine, on U.S Highway 89 at Cut Bank Creek.

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BLACKFEET 4-HERS SWEEP PRE-JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT FOUR-COUNTY MARIAS FAIR

In their first year of beef competition, Rachel Heptner, Colton Weekes, and Marshall Ray of the Blackfeet Reservation swept the Pre-Junior beef showmanship competition winning first, second, and third place respectively. Interestingly, all three have had friends or relatives in the steer project, which inspired them to become involved.

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BROWNING'S STREETS GET A HUGE FACELIFT, COURTESY OF BIA ROADS

"It's what we would call routine preventative maintenance," said Dave Johnson, highway engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Billings. "We're applying chip sealant to nearly all the streets in Browning that were identified by Gordon Connelly (of the local BIA Roads Department)."

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AARP DIRECTOR DONATES PHOTOS TO EAGLE SHIELD SENIOR CENTER

"Al Ward is our admirer," said Connie Bremner, director of the Eagle Shields Senior Center in Browning. "We have a strong working relationship with AARP."

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TRAVELERS' REST PLANS MOCCASIN-MAKING WORKSHOP

LOLO - People will be able to walk away with their own moccasins thanks to a new workshop coming at Travelers' Rest near Lolo.

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NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS

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EARLY RETURN TO WORK OFFICER, Position #61136314, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$36,768 to \$45,960 DOQ. This position manages workers' compensation claims, analyzes and reviews risk management plans and assists employees and managers in working with workers' compensation disability management issues.

Application deadline: Monday, August 6, 2007 at 5 p.m.

For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMP_R_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=236